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CW5 Leonard J. Eichhorn, 4th Brigade tactical operations officer, is pinned with the new rank for CW5s by Brig. Gen. Stephen D. Mundt, Assistant Division Commander for Support, on July 9 during a ceremony on Forward Operating Base Speicher.

(Photo by SFC Chuck Joseph, 196th MPAD)



The insignia for Chief Warrant Officer 5 replaces the old Master Warrant Officer insignia that has been used since 1988. Originally, CW 4s received the title of Master Warrant Officer with no promotion in pay grade. In 1991, the grade of CW5 was recognized, and those elevated to that rank continued to wear the insignia of Master Warrant Officer.

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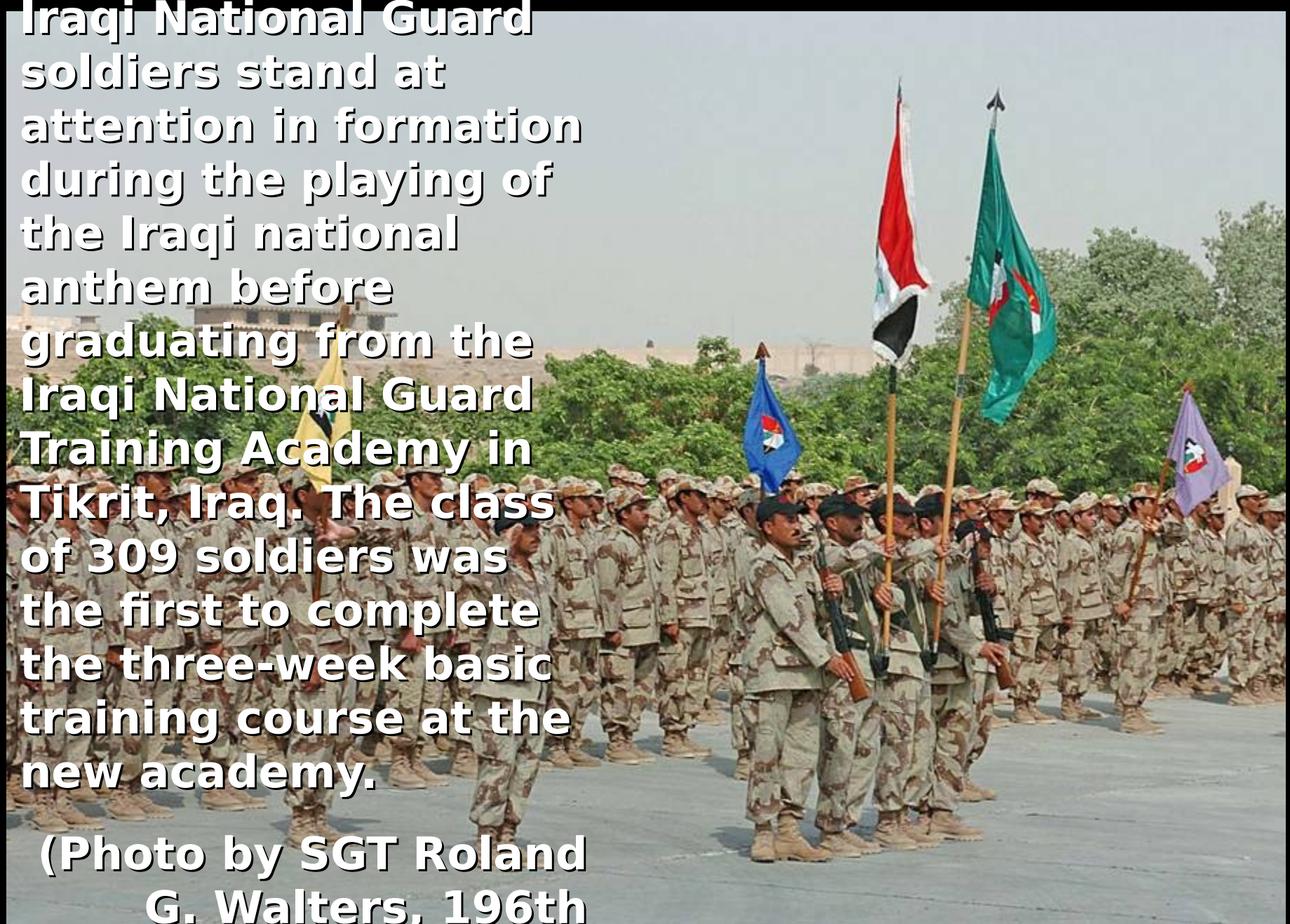


An Iraqi National Guard recruit demonstrates Individual Movement Techniques while an ING drill instructor shouts words of encouragement on July 6 at the ING Training Academy in Tikrit, Iraq.

(Photo by SGT Roland G. Walters, 196th MPAD)

**Iraqi National Guard
soldiers stand at
attention in formation
during the playing of
the Iraqi national
anthem before
graduating from the
Iraqi National Guard
Training Academy in
Tikrit, Iraq. The class
of 309 soldiers was
the first to complete
the three-week basic
training course at the
new academy.**

**(Photo by SGT Roland
G. Walters, 196th
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An infantryman with the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, practices probing for mines at FOB Danger during training.

(Photo by SPC Sherree Casper, 196th MPAD)

The combat engineers were two of 35 soldiers taking part in an Explosive Hazards Awareness Instructor Course program at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Danger in April. Hosted by the **1st Infantry Division's Engineer Brigade**, the three-day course was designed as a train the trainer program for soldiers stationed at various FOBs within Task Force Danger.



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Only in the direst of situations does the heroism and camaraderie of the American Soldier become truly evident. This maxim was once again proven correct on the morning of July 8, on the outskirts of the city of Samarra. The Iraqi National Guard (ING) compound was attacked by Anti-Iraqi Forces (AIF), who detonated a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) at the base of the compound's main building around 10:00 am.



Five 1st Infantry Division Soldiers and one ING Soldier were killed, and eighteen 1st Infantry Division Soldiers and four ING Soldiers were wounded during the attack on the compound. The front section of the building, which housed TF 1-26 Infantry and ING Soldiers collapsed from the blast.



A wounded Soldier is medically evacuated for further treatment. A mass casualty treatment area was established in Hornbeck Hall to accommodate the casualties and all available Soldiers were enlisted in the treatment effort.

(Photo courtesy of Task Force 1-26 Infantry)